(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Government has been encouraging ordnance factories and defence public sector undertakings to put their idle machine capacities to job work from the civil sector.

Joint Production of Military Aircrafts in Collaboration with Dutch Company

413. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, (HAL) are negotiating with Fokker, the Dutch aircraft manufacturer, for the joint production of civilian aircraft in India;

(b) whether any other foreign manufacturers have also shown keen interest in this regard, both for civilian and military aircraft, for joint production with H. A. L.; and

(c) if so, what are the modalities settled/reasons for preference given to Dutch Company and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Other foreign manufacturers have also shown interest in co-production of civil aircraft with HAL.

(c) Discussions are still at a preliminary stage. Comparative evaluation of the options will be made at a later stage.

जबलपुर के वाहन-निर्माण एकक को बंद किया जाना

414. श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जबलपुर स्थित वाहनों का निर्माण करने वाले एकक को बंद करने की प्रक्रिया कब तक आरम्भ हो जाने की सम्भावना है;

(ख) उक्त वाहन निर्माण एकक में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए किन-किन वैकल्पिक व्यवस्थाओं पर विचार किया जा रहा है;

(ग) इस एकक को बंद करने के बाद सेना को वाहनों की आपूर्ति कराने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की जाएगी; और

(घ) क्या यह व्यवस्था ज्यादा किफायती होगी?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार): (क) जबलपुर स्थित वाहन निर्माणी यूनिट को बन्द करने के बारे में कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Setting up of new industrial projects

415. MD. SALIM:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some applications to set up new industrial projects with the capital of over Rs. 6000 crores, are pending with Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in clearing the applications; and

(c) whether these projects have got over 70000 employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Receipt of applications for setting up industrial projects and their disposal is a continuing process. All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications within the stipulated time frame.